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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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1. **Basis of the report**

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).



b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2.



**Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3.



**Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

OPTICAL CONCENTRATOR

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regards to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



as suggested by the applicant.



as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.



b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G02B17/08 G02B27/28 H04B10/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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